extent it has helped in checking extremists and smugglers sneaking into India; and

(c) whether all the Indo-Pak border areas in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab have been fenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The actual work of erecting the fence started only in May, 1988.

(b) According to information available, upto July 25, 1988, fencing on a stretch of 64.80 Kms. had been completed. While its effectiveness cannot be fully assessed till the entire action is complete, it is felt that the flow of arms and ammunition and entry of terrorists from across the border has considerably been reduced.

(c) No, Sir.

Refund of excise duty sought for by Nirma Chemical Works of Gujarat

1689. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back 'Nirma Chemical Works' of Gujarat, the makers of Nirma Washing Powder, had claimed a huge refund of excise duty; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) During the calender years 1986, 1987 and 1988, (upto 28-7-88) six refund claims have been filed by M/s Nirma Chemical Works. The details are as under:—

Date of filing the claim	Amount claimed (In Rs.)	Action taken
24-9-86	4,38,554	Refund arising out of order of Collector (Appeals) against which appeal in tribunal has been filed by the Department. Hence pending.
18-3-88	1,500	Sanctioned Rs. 1,500 on 6-7-88.
21-3-88	5,97,604	Pending.
3-5-88	3,307	Rejected on 14-7-88.
8-5-88	1,35,414	Rejected.
10-5-88	8,67,622	Pending.

Pak Support for Khalistan Movement

1690. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG:

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists in Punjab were forced by Pakistan to declare the establishment of 'Khalistan' two years ago;

(b) whether a detailed report in this regard was given to Government and if so, what are the details of the report;

(c) what were the circumstances under which Pakistan forced terrorists to declare 'Khalistan'; and

(d) whether the report was sufficient to show that there was Pak hand in the activities of terrorists in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The role of Pakistan in training sikh extremists, supplying sophisticated arms and motivating them for the creation of Khalistan with a view to create law and order situation and to destabilise our country is well established. The announcement of the so-called 'Khalistan' by Sikh extremists in the after-math of Sarbat Khalsa Samagam convened on 26th Jan. 86 should be viewed from that angle. This is further borne out by confessions made by the captured terrorists.

Financial assistance to the family of Late Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew

1691. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item under the caption 'The Forgotten Kitchlews' which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 9th July, 1988 wherein it has been stated that descendents of Late Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew, a great freedom fighter, are living in adject poverty in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide financial assistance to the family of late Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme—1980 freedom fighter's pension is granted to those who fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down therein. Under the Scheme, dependent pension is sanctioned to widows/unmarried daughters, if any in the event of the death of the freedom fighter. Sons of the late freedom fighter, as a rule, are not eligible for dependent pension barring exceptional cases where the son could not come up properly in life due to the prolonged participation of his father in the freedom struggle. None of the family members of Late Dr. Kitchlew have applied for dependent pension so far. Although the last date for submitting the application is long since over, in view of the invaluable contribution made by Late Dr. Kitchlew in freedom movement a set of application-forms have been sent to enable the eligible surviving member to apply for dependent pension. As soon as application is received, it will be processed expeditiously.

रुपए की क्रय-शक्ति में कमी

1692. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रुपये की क्रय शक्ति निरन्तर घटती जा रही है और 1987 के अन्त में यह घट कर राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर 13.33 पैसे रह गई ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान एक या दो वर्षों को छोड़ कर देश में कृषि और औद्योगिक उत्पादन में निरन्तर वृद्धि हुई है ,

(घ) क्या सरकार ने रुपये की क्रय शक्ति के घटने के कारणों का पता लगाया है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ग) औद्योगिक कर्मचारियों के लिए उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक के व्युत्क्रम